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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: School Governing Body - Parent Governor Election

There are two vacancies for Parent Governors to serve on the Governing Body of Hilbre High School Humanities College.

The powers and responsibilities of Governors have changed in recent times. Governors should act in a strategic role, as a 'critical friend' to the school and be accountable for their responsibilities. The three core functions of a Governing Board are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its students, and the performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent Governors provide invaluable insight and can play a vital part in helping the school to succeed in meeting the needs of the children and community it serves. Any training required can be arranged to help fulfil the role effectively and to develop the necessary expertise, knowledge and/or skills. Governors are not expected to be instant experts. Successful candidates will be provided with relevant information, once they are elected, and it is expected that they will take part in training events to help them learn about their role. The Clerk can also offer advice and support to Governors on all aspects of their role.

It is very important that parents/carers stand for election to the Governing Body so that their views are represented on it; otherwise, a parent/carers may be appointed to serve who has no children in the school and who knows very little about the school and its local community. Parent Governors are representative parents/carers to provide a parental/carers viewpoint, but not representatives of parents/carers. The role is strategic and not operational and, therefore, Parent Governors should not involve any personal matters in their role as Governor but instead speak to the school.

You may, if you wish, put yourself forward for election, using the attached nomination form. Please read the additional information given with this form.

The timetable for the election is:-

- o Nomination form along with supporting statement to be returned to school by 4pm, Friday 11th October 2019.
- o Ballot papers to be sent to all parents/carers by Friday 18th October 2019 (voting will only take place if there are more nominations than vacancies).
- o Ballot papers to be returned to me by Friday 25th October 2019.
- o The votes will be counted on Monday 4th November 2019, after which the result will be announced.

Remember, decisions taken by the Governing Body will affect your child/ward's future education. To make sure you have a voice in that decision-making, please make every effort to take part in these elections.

Yours faithfully

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